

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for selecting a wireless network is disclosed. The method
5 relates to selecting a wireless network from a plurality of wireless networks. A variation
of the invention includes selecting a new platform from a plurality of platforms offered
by the current service provider according to a service request from the wireless device.
The method comprises determining a requested service associated with the wireless
device, determining whether one of the plurality of wireless networks can provide the
10 requested service, and, if one of the plurality of wireless networks can provide the
requested service, choosing the one wireless network of the plurality of wireless
networks. The method further involves using a variety of parameters in determining
which wireless network to choose for servicing the requested service from the wireless
device. These parameters include quality of services, application supported, other
15 business factors such as roaming agreements, traffic load and cost of services. The
system comprises at least one wireless network node, a wireless device, and a plurality of
wireless networks communicating with each other. Either the wireless device or network
node may operate to decide based on the services the wireless device user requires on
which network the user will receive service from. The network assignment is
20 accomplished to maximize the speed, cost and efficiency of transmission.